

# KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

*Tuesday, December 17, 2013*

*8:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.*

*Heritage Hall*

*203 Market Street*

*Kirkland, Washington*

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Tom Hitzroth, Chair; Poppi Handy, Vice Chair; Lorelea Hudson; Kji Kelly; Lynette Weber

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Mary McCormick

**STAFF PRESENT:** Julie Koler; Todd Scott

**GUESTS:** Paul Barry, Loita Hawkinson, Carolyn & Mike Howard, Vic Newhard

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Hitzroth called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman Tom Hitzroth asked for additions or amendments to the November minutes. Commissioner Handy asked for clarification on the name of the artist mentioned on page 3. Todd Scott indicated he had not been able to determine the artist's name. Hearing no additions or amendments Hitzroth called for a motion to approve the November 19, 2013 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Hudson so moved and the motion passed 4-0 with Weber abstaining as she was not present for the November meeting.

## **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

- **Reard House, Sammamish (COA No. 1319)** – to reconstruct the porch

Hudson said the DRC determined that *Secretary of the Interior's Standard 6* is applicable. There was some discussion about the details shown in an additional photograph discovered by staff since the DRC meeting, but it was unclear from the photo what elements the porch frieze was composed of. The Commission concurred with the DRC that the applicable standard is met.

*Standard 6:* "Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence."

For this standard no historic materials from the porch remain. The replacement of the feature matches the old as closely as possible in design, based on historic photographic evidence. No evidence exists to determine the color, texture, or materials with certainty, but assumptions were made about the materials used (and subsequently the color and texture), based on houses of similar styles from the same period, with painted wood posts, rails, balusters, flooring and other details. The replacement of this missing feature is substantiated by three photographs: one taken in 1940 by the county tax assessor, one likely taken in the mid-1920s (although some sources indicate it is ca. 1916) during the time the Skogman family occupied the house, and one likely taken in the late 1920s or early 1930s when the Freed family occupied the house. The photographs are not of sufficient resolution to determine the exact dimensions of all components, but a reasonable estimate can be made based on interior details from the house itself, particularly the interior stair railing. This standard is met.

Hudson moved to approve the Type II COA to reconstruct the porch on the Reard House as recommended by the DRC, and to ratify the agreement between DRC and the applicant, with the recommendation that the applicant use the highest resolution historic photograph available to guide the reconstruction. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Julie Koler reported that interlocal agreements with Burien and Enumclaw have been signed. She said there is a need to amend the Commission's rules and procedures. She asked the commissioners to review the document prior to the January meeting, and be prepared to discuss possible amendments.

She said there will be no nominations at the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, but will likely be some in March. The March meeting will be Weber's last meeting as a regular commissioner, though she will continue as the special commissioner for Kirkland. Koler asked for volunteers to help vet new commissioners. Kelly and Hitzroth agreed to assist.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT:** Koler indicated that Executive Constantine wants to disperse the money previously used for low-interest loans in one fell swoop. She will review the proposal with the Commission soon.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Koler said she attended the Neely Mansion Victorian Farmhouse Christmas event, that it was lovely, and everyone should try to attend next year. Hitzroth thanked everyone for their participation with the Commission this year, and said he appreciates everyone's expertise and knowledge. He noted that the program is short-handed but that everyone has stepped up to help.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.